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SUBJECT: DROC--VATICAN DEMARCHE

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY CDA JOSEPH MERANTE FOR REASONS 1.5  
(A) AND (D) .

2. (C) DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIGLIORE CALLED IN CHARGE  
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TO PRESENT A PRO MEMORIA ON THE SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (FAXED TO EUR/WE 3/6). (NOTE: FOREIGN  
MINISTER TAURAN IS ATTENDING THE POPE'S ANNUAL LENTEN  
RETREAT).

3. (C) MIGLIORE EXPANDED UPON THE TEXT OF THE PRO  
MEMORIA. HE SAID THAT THE VATICAN IS REQUESTING THE U.S.  
AND THE UK TO PUT PRESSURE ON UGANDA AND RWANDA TO FULLY  
WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM THE KIVU REGION, TO IMMEDIATELY  
CEASE THE ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES,  
AND TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERCONGOLESE DIALOG.  
MIGLIORE SAID THAT THE UGANDAN/RWANDAN OCCUPATION OF KIVU  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATH OF OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE IN THE  
PAST FEW YEARS.

4. (C) CHARGE INQUIRED IF THE HOLY SEE WOULD BE  
APPROACHING OTHER COUNTRIES IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. AND THE  
UK. MIGLIORE SAID THAT THE VATICAN HAD DECIDED TO LIMIT  
ITS DEMARCHE TO THE U.S. AND THE UK ON THE SITUATION IN THE  
KIVU REGION BECAUSE IT BELIEVES WE ARE THE TWO COUNTRIES  
WITH THE MOST INFLUENCE WITH THE RWANDANS AND THE UGANDANS.  
HOWEVER, THE VATICAN WILL BE CONTACTING THE ANGOLANS AND  
THE ZIMBABWEANS TO URGE THEM TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE  
DIALOG. MIGLIORE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES ZIMBABWE IS GOING  
TO RESIST AS PRESIDENT MUGABE'S SON IS A KEY PLAYER IN THE  
EXPLOITATION OF THE DIAMOND MINES IN THE DROC. MIGLIORE  
ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING CONSULTING WITH THE  
BELGIAN AMBASSADOR.

5. (C) COMMENT: THE FACT THAT MIGLIORE MADE NO MENTION OF  
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRENCH IS SURPRISING. THE FRENCH  
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EMBASSY TO THE VATICAN HAS REPEATEDLY URGED THE VATICAN AND  
SANT'EGIDIO TO BECOME ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS.

6. (U) ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY TO MIGLIORE  
BY 3/9. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDES POINTS FOR USE.  
MERANTE